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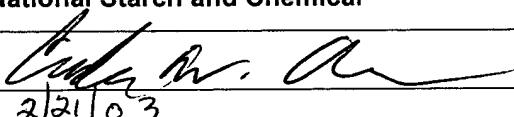
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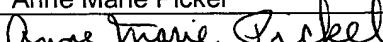
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir,

This is in response to paper number 5 mailed December 4, 2002.

Claims 1 – 13 are pending in the application. Claims 1 – 13 are rejected.

Kindly enter the following amendments to the claims. Marked-up versions of the claims are included as Appendix 1 with this response.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 replace claims 1 and 4 with the following new claims 1 and 4:

1. A method of imparting flame retardant properties to a reactive hot melt adhesive comprising adding an effective amount of ethylenebistetrabromophthalimide and/or tris(2,3-dibromopropyl)isocyanurate as a fire retardant during manufacture of the reactive hot melt adhesive.